

Voluntary information and advices for the  
handling of SGL CARBON GROUP products  
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**1. Identification of the substance/preparation and company**

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**Product details:**

**Trade name:**

@SIGRACET - gas diffusion media (GDL)  
all types with index AB or BA upwards

**Application:**

Employment in fuel cell.

**Producer / supplier details:**

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**2. Composition/information on ingredients**

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**Chemical characteristics:**

Product/material based on carbon and PTFE

**Hazardous ingredients:**

Fibers are not classified hazardous acc. to 67/548/EEC.

**Additional information:**

None.

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**3. Possible Hazards**

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**Information on particular hazards to human and environment:**

Carbon fibers are electrically conductive and may cause short circuits in electrical equipments.  
Improve level of electrical protective measure. IP54 is demanded.

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#### 4. First aid measures

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**General information:**

None.

**On inhalation:**

After inhalation of greater quantities of dust, take affected person to fresh air.

**On contact with skin:**

After handling fibers wash skin with soap and water.  
Fibers may cause skin irritation.

**On contact with the eyes:**

Rinse with plenty of water.

**If swallowed:**

Drink water

**Particular advices for the physician:**

None

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#### 5. Fire-fighting measures

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**Suitable extinguishing media:**

Foam, carbon dioxide, dry powder, water spray jet.

**Unsuitable extinguishing media, for safety reasons:**

Direct water spray

**Particular risks arising from the substance, its preparation, its products of combustion or formed gases:**

Fibers or dust may glow in oxygen containing atmosphere above 350°C. Polytetrafluorethylene decomposes above 380°C under release of poisonous compounds. During glowing and in case of fire CO/CO<sub>2</sub> is generated, as well as the release of organic decomposition products is possible.

**Special protection equipment needed for fire-fighting:**

None, in case of insufficient ventilation use respiration equipment (against CO/CO<sub>2</sub>).

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## 6. Measures in case of accidental release

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**Personal precautions:**

In case of dust release use protective mask (P1).

**Environmental precautions:**

None.

**Methods for cleaning/removal:**

Remove mechanically.

**Additional information:**

None.

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## 7. Handling and storage

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**Handling:**

**Advice on safe handling:**

None.

**Advice on protection against fire and explosion:**

Remove fine dust regularly.

**Storage:**

**Requirements on storage areas and tanks:**

Dry, beware of humidity.

**Advice on storage assembly:**

None.

**Additional information on storage conditions:**

None.

**Storage class:**

Not classified.

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## 8. Exposure limitations and personal protection equipment

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**Measure for limitation and monitoring the exposure:**

Take care for good ventilation of the working area.

**Additional advice on the design of technical equipment:**

None.

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**8. Exposure limitations and personal protection equipment (cont.)**

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**Ingredients with occupational exposure limits to be monitored:**

CAS-No.	Name of substance	Type	Value	Unit
None.				

**Additional advices:**

None.

**Personal protective equipment:**

**General protective and hygiene measures:**

If handled uncovered, arrangements with local exhaust ventilation should be used if possible.

**Respiratory protection:**

Dust protective mask (P1), if dust is formed.

**Hand protection:**

Textile gloves.

**Eye protection:**

Tight closing safety glasses, if dust is formed.

**Body protection:**

None.

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**9. Physical and chemical properties**

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**Appearance:**

Form:	solid
Colour:	grey/black
Odour:	none

**Data relevant to safety:**

Parameter	Value/range	Unit	method
Softening point:	inapplicable		
Boiling point/range:	inapplicable		
Melting point/range:	inapplicable		
Flash point:	inapplicable		
Ignitability:	inapplicable		
Ignition temprature:	inapplicable		
Self ignitability:	none *)		
Inflammable properties:	none		
Explosive risk:	none *)		

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**9. Physical and chemical properties (continued)**

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**Data relevant to safety:**

Parameter		Value/range	Unit	method
Explosion limits:	upper	inapplicable		
	lower	inapplicable		
Vapour pressure at 20°C:		inapplicable		
bulk density at 20°C:		0.25	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	
Solubility at 20°C:		none (in water)		
pH-value:		inapplicable		
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water:		inapplicable		
Viscosity:		inapplicable		
Additional information:		Carbon fibers are electrically conductive		

**Remarks:**

\*) if properly used and stored

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**10. Stability and reactivity**

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**Conditions to be avoided:**

None.

**Contact with substances to be avoided:**

None.

**Hazardous decomposition products:**

None, if handled in accordance with description.

**Additional information:**

None.

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**11. Toxicological information**

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No toxic effects are known from handling the product.  
Diameter of the fibers appr. 7 µm, do not fibrillize.

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**12. Ecological information**

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No ecological data available.

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**13. Disposal consideration**

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**Product/preparation:**

Disposal in accordance with EC directive 91/692/EEC.

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**13. Disposal consideration (continued)**

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**Contaminated packing material:**

Disposal in accordance with EC directive 91/692/EEC.

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**14. Transport information**

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No hazardous material as defined by the transport regulations.

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**15. Regulations**

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**Labelling according to EC regulations:**

**Code-letter and hazard-symbol for the product:**

No subject to mandatory marking.

**Hazardous ingredient(s) relevant for labelling:**

None.

**R-phrases:**

None.

**S-phrases:**

None.

**National regulations:**

**Additional classification acc. to GefStoffV (D) Appendix II:**

None.

**Regulations for handling restrictions:**

None.

**Hazardous industries directive:**

None.

**Classification acc. to BetrSichV (D):**

None.

**Technical guideline "TA-Luft" (D):**

None.

**Hazard classification for water (D):**

Slightly water hazardous; self-classification.

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**15. Regulations (continued)**

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**Other regulations, restrictions and prohibition regulations:**  
None.

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**16. Other informations**

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**Other informations:**  
None.

**Safety data sheet providing division:**  
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